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Walter E. Fauntroy
D.C. Representative to the
U.S. House of Representatives

Join Us for An Interesting Program

by John Landgraf

The October 30 meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association will carry on the long tradition of attracting speakers who are important persons in District affairs, who can tell us more about the issues which affect our lives in the community and hear our comments on them in post-speech question periods.

Walter Fauntroy, the first person to represent the District of Columbia in the U.S. House of Representatives in 100 years, was elected to his seat as Delegate in 1971, and because he is unopposed in the November 7 general Election he apparently will continue in his position for another two-year term.

After education in D.C.'s Dunbar High, Virginia Union University and Yale Divinity School Fauntroy began his Washington Prominence as Pastor of the New Bethel Baptist Church in 1959. Soon afterwards he also became Director of the Washington Bureau of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and took a very active role under Martin Luther King Jr. in the historic national and local movements of the sixties. In that period also he began his formal political career as appointed Vice-Chairman of the new D.C. City Council. In this job he was chief architect of the Congressional legislation which permitted the District to finally elect its own Mayor and legislature.

Fauntroy is now a Member of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, Chairman of the subcommittee on King's death, a Member of the House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs committee, Chairman of the subcommittee on Historic Preservation and Coinage, and serves in the House District Committee. He has served as both



Walter E. Fauntroy

Secretary and Vice-Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Currently he is leading the organization of the difficult national campaign to obtain state legislature passages of the Constitutional Amendment providing full political status to the District of Columbia, a measure he moved successfully through both Houses of Congress earlier this year. Obviously he is in a position to comment meaningfully on the general election to come the week after he speaks to the Foggy Bottom Association.

Recent events at the Kennedy Center make the coming speaker on November 27, Oleg Lobanov of the National Symphony Orchestra, also an even more meaningful commentator. By that time, hopefully, the strike by the players in the NSO will be past history, but the Foggy Bottom audience will be interested to hear from an active participant in the episode.

Young Director—Old Tale—New Twist

by Mary E. Healy

The 78/79 Theatre Season at GWU is getting in full swing. Its second production will be Shakespeare's tale of laughter and romance—*Twelfth Night*. Opening November 15 and running through November 18 at Lisner Auditorium, this production will take a new twist—its fantasies will be directed toward the future rather than the past.

This is a happy show (some say it is one of Shakespeare's best comedies); its fantasies take place in a magical Kingdom where everything is more beautiful than elsewhere—a land of magic where anything is possible. Music composed especially for this production should add to the pleasure. The play should be a lot of fun; it has something for everyone—comedy, wit, appeal to young and mature audiences, and prices you can't beat (see SEEN AROUND for details).

There are 19 students in the cast, some graduate students bringing extensive experience and some who come from other specialties—such as music; giving a good balance to the cast. It takes another 25 or 30 Behind-the-Scene-Students to put the show on—building the sets, making the costumes, running the crews—the works.

Twelfth Night is being directed by a young New Yorker from the suburbs of Great Neck, Leslie Jacobson, now a Full Time Professor in the Speech and Drama Department at George Washington University. She is a real professional, teaching advanced acting, special courses for the stage, counseling students and overseeing special student theatre-related projects.

GW puts on four shows a year. This year Leslie will direct two of them—*Twelfth Night*, and in April an adaptation of Voltaire's *Candide*—which she wrote (the adaptation, that is).

Leslie came to the Washington Metropolitan area from New York about 6 years ago, shortly after she was married. She lives in nearby Virginia but spends about 12 hours of her day in Foggy Bottom at school and in the theatre. I went to work on Leslie about her residence; tried selling her our DC Cry—“Work in Washington, Live in Washington”. I think that I detected a crack in the door. Leslie's mother now lives in Massachusetts but manages to get down here often to see her girl do her stuff.

Leslie says she has been interested in the theatre since she was five years old, when her parents took her to see her first Broadway show—*Peter Pan* (with who else but Mary Martin). She was sunk from there on out. By the time she got to high school she started working actively in theatre projects. When she did her undergraduate work at Northwest and her graduate work at Boston

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What You Missed Last Meeting

At the first meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association fiscal year, President Al Cottrell introduced the newly-elected FBA Officers and Board Members. Also introduced were honored guests City Councilman John A. Wilson (Democrat - Ward II) and his wife Bonnie.

Councilman Wilson then presented Bob Charles, past fba president, with a Certificate of Appreciation from the City Council, for his efforts on behalf of the Foggy Bottom neighborhood.

Bob, now our Membership Chairman, emphasized the importance of FBA numbers of members—particularly when political “clout” is needed—before the City Council or the Zoning Commission, for example. Also, he mentioned that the more members we have, the better the chance to meet our neighbors at such occasions as the Oktoberfest. We now have 113 paid members, and Al Cottrell urged all of us to recruit new members. Mary Healy, as an outstanding example, has recruited 27 old members for the current fiscal year and, more importantly, has enlisted 23 new ones. (Anyone interested in joining can contact Mel Ogden, our Treasurer.)

Next, Mel Ogden gave the Treasurer's Report for July 1-September 20, 1978 as follows:
\$ 609.19—Cash on Hand (1 JUL 78)
962.40—Income (to 20 SEP 78)
\$1,571.59
-396.67—Expenses (to 20 SEP 78)
\$1,174.92—CASH BALANCE (of 20 SEP 78)

Eleanor Becker requested a status report on the River Inn (formerly the Alamac). Marthlu Bledsoe, ANC Commissioner (SMD 2A03) said that the ANC has requested such a report, but the results were not available yet.

A report on the September 12 Primary elections was given by Bob Charles. 54% of the registered

Democrats in Foggy Bottom (WARD II, precincts 2/3/4) voted for Marion Barry for Mayor. Other statistics were 27% for Sterling Tucker, 18% for Mayor Washington, and 1% write-in ballots. All were urged to vote in the November 7 General Elections for Delegate to Congress, Council Chairman, Mayor and At-Large Council member.

An inquiry was made about the prospects of new townhouses on the recently-raised C & B Delicatessen site (on 25th Street). Several people were disturbed by the fact that the location was now being used as an “informal parking lot”. Steve Levy, ANC Chairman, said the Police can't issue tickets unless the owner of the lot complains.

Dorothy Bunevich raised the question of a “class-action” law suit regarding the “Foggy Bottom Slime”—a precipitate of indeterminate origin—reported to kill cats and dogs and plants.

Maureen Holscher, FB News Editor, requested assistance in selling ads for the FB News. If interested, contact Maureen or Mel Ogden, our Advertising Manager.

Josephine Williams, of Washington Circle, mentioned that the Pedas brothers intend to demolish 3 buildings (on the Western side of Washington Circle) and expressed concern as to the fate of those apartments.

Homer Lange, a GW University representative, announced an open meeting for October 17th to discuss the Academic Cluster Plan, which involves proposed buildings to be erected on Square 77—presently a parking lot.

Our first guest speaker, Preston Englert, a representative of the American Heart Association, discussed the importance of diet, exercise, and taking medicine regularly for high blood pressure to control heart attacks and strokes. He also talked about the 4-hour CPR

(Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation) course available to any interested citizen and conducted by the Heart Association. The course teaches how to revive someone who has had a heart attack in the precious minutes before an ambulance arrives. There is a \$5.00 registration fee for the course—anyone interested in taking it can call Mrs. Murphy at the Heart Association (337-6400).

Alphonso Nicholson, Consumer Affairs Representative from the Washington Gas Light Company, made an appearance. It is expected that he will be returning for a presentation at a future FBA meeting.

Our second guest speaker was John Brophy, fondly known as the “Parking Czar” of the D.C. Department of Transportation. John said that renewal applications had been sent out for the Ward II parking stickers. John then reported on the 4-phase program now being implemented to improve parking and traffic enforcement in D.C.

1. A civilian ticket-writing force to supplement Police efforts—to start late October. He mentioned that, within the City, Foggy Bottom was the biggest supporter of this program.

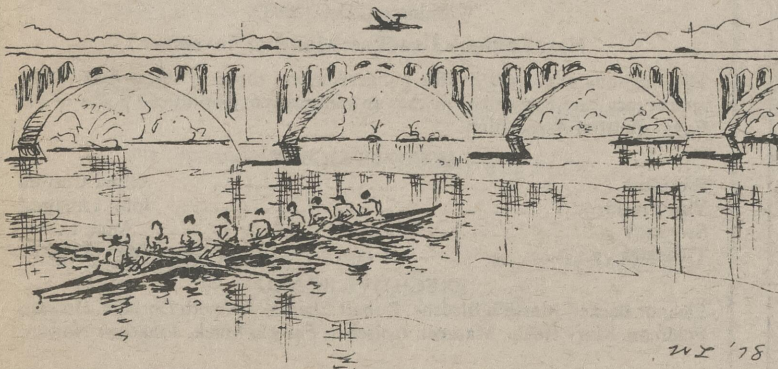
2. Increased towing and impoundment of vehicles—Maryland and Virginia, too, to start in January, 1979.

3. Increased “booting” of those who habitually refuse to pay for parking tickets—to start next year.

4. Administrative Adjudication of parking and minor traffic offenses. These will be handled by hearing officers rather than D.C. Superior Court, although there will be right of appeal through the Court. Parking tickets will be traced by computer and collection agents will track down scofflaws—to begin early next year.

President Al Cottrell adjourned the meeting promptly at 10:00pm.

Anne Lomas, Secretary



Foggy Bottom Bulletin Board

Notes of Interest

ATTENTION: Recent Heart Attack Victims

The Post Coronary Group Counseling and Exercise Therapy Study of George Washington University Medical Center is seeking men and women between the ages of 30 and 70 who have suffered a heart attack within the last year for a study of post heart attack rehabilitation. Those accepted into the three-month program will receive frequent evaluations of psychological and cardiovascular status while contributing to the medical understanding of how best to rehabilitate post heart attack patients. For further information about the exercise therapy and group counseling study at George Washington Hospital call 676-3107 or 676-3110.

Beginning September 11, the West End Public Library will be open the following hours:
Mon. and Wed. 1:00-9:00 pm
Tues., Fri. and Sat. 9:30 am-5:30 pm
Closed Thursday
It is located at 24th & L Sts., NW. For further information call 727-1397.

Coming Events

FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETINGS
St. Paul's Parish House, 2430 K Street, NW
Monday, November 27

West End Citizens Association Meeting—Thursday, October 26, 8 p.m., Red Cross Building, 2025 E Street, NW

Foggy Bottom-West End ANC Meetings
November 14, 8 p.m., Red Cross Building, 2025 E Street, NW

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University she was really serious about this business and kept at it until she would up here. She says that it hasn't been easy, but it is worth every ache and pain and doubt she encountered on the way.

According to Leslie, being affiliated with the University is stimulating. She says **working with students is truly exciting**; that a lot of them are tremendously talented and that she learns from them every day while she is teaching.

Leslie still does free lance work but her University job takes priority. She says she never could have made it to the University if she hadn't done six things at one time while on the way. EG she directed Promises, Promises in Atlanta; directed her own scripts, including The Amateur, Reflections of Selda, Twice Told Twain as well as her adaptation of Voltaire's Candide and Boccaccio's Decameron Tales.

Leslie was even in the **Soap Opera business**. Last year her Soap Opera script for WRC-TV was nominated for a Washington, D.C. Emmy Award. Maybe you saw it: A Woman Is....In a New World? She holds directing credits from many other theatres in the area. She has taught at Montgomery College, the University of Maryland, Mt. Vernon College and the Jewish Community Center. She is a founder of the Pro Femina Theatre, an improvisational theatre company which last year did a show about a mother/daughter relationship called "Mother, May I?". See what she means about all the things she did on the way to the office—the GWU?

Lisner Auditorium where Twelfth Night will play, seats about 1,000—all good seats (no columns and good acoustics); about 600 are really prime seats. So why don't we all plan now to **start the Holiday Season off right** by going to the theatre. See Twelfth Night and see Leslie

The D.C. Insurance Department has begun a program designed to link D.C. residents who have specific insurance needs with licensed insurance agents or brokers who might be able to meet those needs. Under this program, the names and needs of residents are placed on a Voluntary Insurance Placement Register. The register is available to any licensed insurance agent or broker. For more information on the program, residents may call the Insurance Department at 727-1273.

RED CROSS NEEDS VOLUNTEER DRIVERS

The District of Columbia Chapter of the American Red Cross needs volunteer drivers to transport the elderly and the handicapped to medical appointments and to deliver blood to area hospitals. Licensed drivers, age 18 and over, who can contribute a few hours or a day each week, are asked to call the Office of Volunteers, D.C. Chapter, American Red Cross at 857-3422 for further information.

The information and Referral Service of the D.C. Office on Aging can help elderly city residents (over 60) obtain needed services. Information, referral and assistance is provided on such questions as how to receive food stamps, identification cards, medical services, transportation, legal counsel or nursing home information. The office also publishes a quarterly newsletter, *Spotlight on Aging*, containing information on services and programs for the elderly. For more information, or to get on the mailing list, write D.C. Office on Aging, 1012 14th St., NW, Suite 1106, 20005, telephone 724-5626.

Jacobson—ask for her and tell her you read about her in the FBA News—she will pave you for it. Go with friends, if possible. If this isn't possible then go alone—once you get to the theatre one is never alone—

Exhibitions

The Octagon

Sept. 22—Dec. 29

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No. Va. Regional Park Authority-Carlyle House

Oct. 12—Nov. 5

NINTH BIENNIAL EXHIBITION OF NEEDLEWORK

A national show sponsored by the Embroiderers' Guild of America focuses on needlework as a fine art that has evolved from a craft.

121 N. Fairfax St., Alex.—Mon.-Sat. 10am-5pm; Sun. noon-5pm; 549-2997. Admission \$1.00 for adults, 50 cents for students 6-17. Group rates available.

Renwick Gallery

September 29-August 5

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September 29-February 19

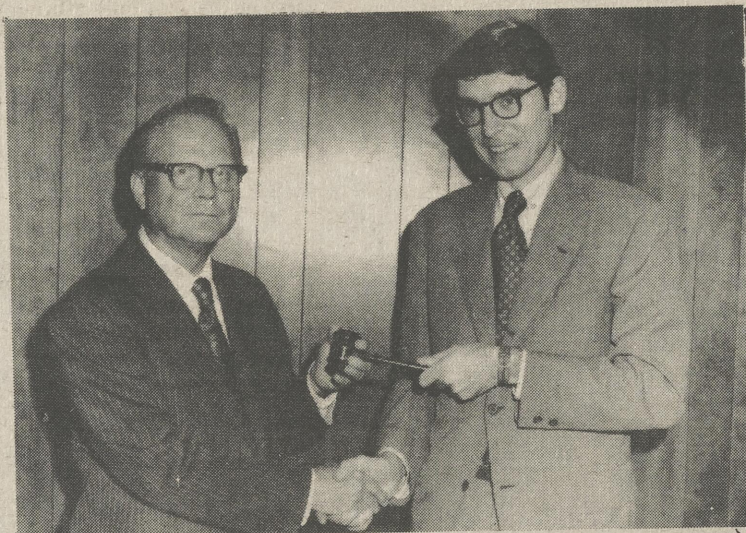
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particularly if you pick a comedy. The audience immediately becomes a family. Heavy and sad drama could be a horse of a different color. I always felt stupid crying alone. Good luck, Leslie: break a leg!



Our thanks to Bob Charles for his hard work as president of the FBA. Al Cottrell (left) presents Bob with a gavel, so he'll always remember us.

Are YOU a Member?

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Theatre Productions

National Theatre

The Houston Grand Opera Association and James M. Nederlander will present Carol Channing in the new production of HELLO, DOLLY! at the National Theatre opening on September 28 and running through November 12. Hello, Dolly! will play Tuesday through Saturday evenings, at 8 pm, with three matinees each week on Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, at 2 pm, 628-3393, 1321 E Street, N.W.

Keisha Incorporated

Keisha Incorporated, a non-profit theatre group founded in 1976 is proud to announce the premiere of SUMMER SOFT DREAMS IN APPLE WINE TIME. The play, written by Robert Abney, Jr. and directed by Charles N. Jamison, Jr., is set in a southern black college and follows the lives of four women in their final year of graduate school. Performances start October 12 and run through November 26 at the First Congregational Church, 10th and G Sts, NW. The curtain rises at 8 pm with performances running Thursdays through Sundays over the seven week period. Donation is \$4.00 with proceeds going toward summer programs for youth. Tickets are on sale at Soul Shack Records, 931 F St., NW and 1221 G St, NW. For further information or reservations call 347-4700.

Concerts

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National Presbyterian Church, Main Sanctuary, 4101 Nebraska Ave, NW, 537-2800.s

November 19, 4 pm—CHORAL CONCERT

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December 17, 4:30 pm—Musical Prelude; 5 pm—CANDLELIGHT SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS

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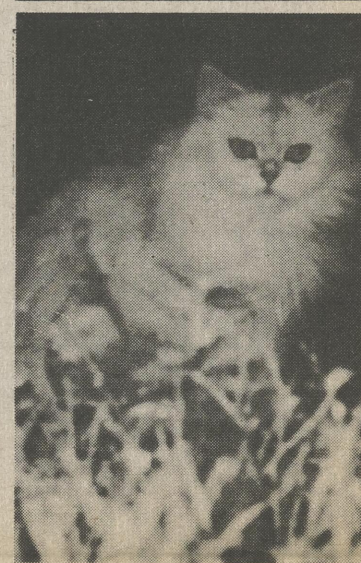
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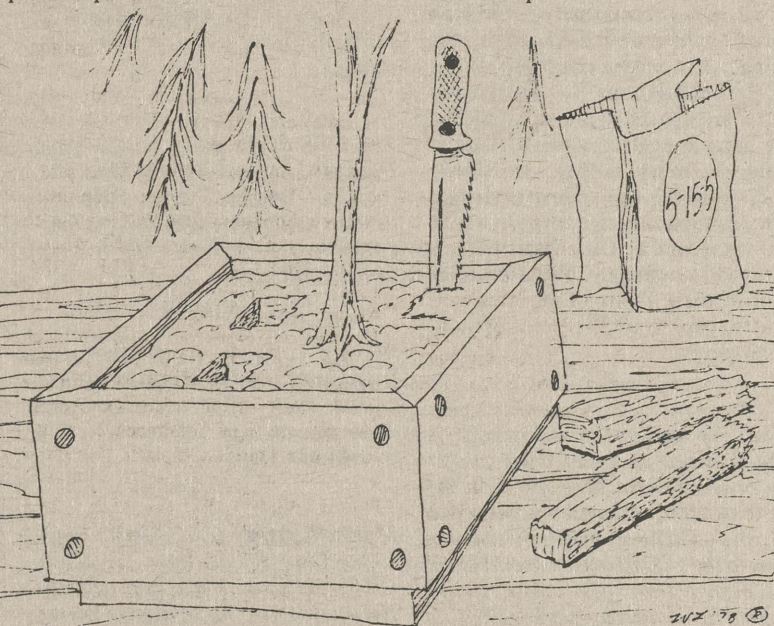
A pot-bound, tubbed tree can be a challenge, especially when one considers the physical drawbacks to the rule: "transplant to one size larger pot."

The solution came when contemplating what had been going on inside the 2'x2'x18" tub of our Golden Weeping Willow. It was impossible to force a trowel into the soil, so dense was the mass of accumulated roots, many of them dead. From this it was reasonable to expect that plugs of the root mass could be lifted from the soil after sawing with a serrated-edged bread knife. It worked. The 2" square by 12" long plugs left neat square wells into which I poured potting soil fortified with commercial fertilizer (5-15-5) to stimulate root growth.

In your yard, trees may similarly need root growth stimulation, and fall is the season to begin it. However, not until after the leaves have fallen off should the fertilizer be added. In that way the tender wood

growth (susceptible to winter damage) will be avoided and new root growth will be developed instead. This type of fertilizing is known as dormant feeding. The plant top is dormant but not the

roots. Like spring bulbs, new rootlets are sent out in preparation for next spring's burst of growth. A thick (3" to 4") layer of bark, pine needles or other organic mulch will enhance the process.



So You Are Going To Red China

by Capt. Irby F. Wood

Now that China has opened its doors a bit wider, it is estimated that thousands of Americans will be wanting to go there, and will be going.

This writer recently spent eight days in China with a State Department Recreation Association group. Remarks on a visit of such recent vintage might be helpful for some of you who are considering a trip to The Peoples Republic of China, to see for yourselves.

A first recommendation is that you do some preparatory reading. Read Edgar Snow's *Red Star Over China*, not necessarily to agree with Snow, but for information. The

book is now generally considered to be a *classic* on the subject.

Two other recommended books are: *The Chinese Red Army* by Gerard Corr, published by Schocken Books, New York, and *The Manchurian Adventure* by Sylvain Namgeot, published by William Morrow & Co.

And, yes, go back and read *The Travels of Marco Polo* again. You may have enjoyed it as a child. Read it now as a source of background information.

There is a magazine called *NEW CHINA*, Room 721, Union Square West, New York, N.Y. 10003. Read a few issues of that magazine, or better, subscribe to it. That publica-

tion now offers six issues at the special price of \$5.75. It is a quarterly-four issues a year.

The second recommendation is that at least a month before your trip you start taking daily walks and a few setting-up exercises. You will be on the go most of your time in China. A toned up physical condition will be a definite asset.

Make an effort to familiarize yourself with the use of chop sticks. It is not as formidable as some folk think. The Chinese prepare their food, meat, fowl and vegetables, in small pieces that can be conveyed easily once one has overcome that initial hesitancy with chop sticks.

Earlier visitors to Red China made much over the shortages. We stayed in three different hotels, including one of their hostels called *Friendship Hotels*. There was no shortage of toilet paper. They all had bathtubs with soap. If you use a special bath soap, buy a plastic container and carry your own brand.

If you are concerned about keeping your linen clean, each hotel has a bag for soiled linen. Leave the bag with or give it to the room boy in the morning. Your clothes will be returned in the evening, washed cleanly, properly ironed. The fee for the service is modest.

The food was adequate in all of the places where we ate. In a few restaurants, such as the famed Peking Duck in Peking, the food was superb.

Cigarettes are plentiful in China and the Chinese are smoking them. American cigarettes may be superior, but they are no longer worth *their weight in gold*, as formerly, so to speak.

A great deal has been written about what you will be shown. The most persistent *anti-charge* has been, "They only show you what they want you to see—*Model communes*, factories, homes, etc." Well, so what? They don't blindfold you! One does not show one's guest an unmade bedroom, does one?

Americans are not the boobs that certain satirists make them out to be; nor are they symbols of the collective *Ugly American*. Just keep your eyes and ears open. Don't let one rainy day or an insufferable bore make you not enjoy your trip.

Which reminds this writer of an incident that occurred on one of the

cargo ships that he commanded for a quarter of a century. One day he tried to explain to a lady passenger that cargo ships are work horses, not show horses, and as such, they aren't equipped with the amenities of passenger liners.

The lady responded with a smile: "Unch, Unch, Captain! You can't make me not enjoy this trip. I knew what I was getting into before I came."

That is a good attitude for one to take with one to China. Sensitivity for others, thoughtfulness for their rights and respect for their cultural mores is really the *Alladin's Lamp of travel*. My lifetime of travel (forty-five years on the sea) only affirms those words as one's best bet for a pleasant visit to Red China, or anywhere else.



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Seen A r o u n d the Bottom

by Mary E. Healy

Even the smelly gasoline fumes can't completely dampen my spirits in the Fall. I just love Fall! Part of my feeling for it is that for some reason people seem to be more friendly during this time of year. Maybe they feel better and a smile and a hello come a little easier. This friendliness, at least for me, certainly adds to the pleasure of the season and to life in general—let's hear it for Fall.

Now, getting down to area business: We started our new Foggy Bottom Association year in September. Our first monthly meeting was well attended and I was delighted to see some of the members I recruited or renewed there. Thank you for coming. With my trusty typewriter and the support of the FBA we have been getting some things done for the Community over the past few months, and have started the wheels moving in the right direction on other things.

Our new President, Al Cottrell, calls me "our Trash Lady" (jokingly, of course). He is referring to my City Services Committee. There are days when I feel good about his pet name and other days when I get so discouraged that I want to contribute to the trash myself. Today is a generally good day: I just talked the Manager of the Potomac Plaza into picking up a slew of trash left by some of our street people in the parks in front of our building. The storm drains (water run-off sewers) in our FB area have been cleaned out by the City. I personally watched this take place in a four block square area. It was quite an operation (and noisy!) and it was long overdue as to need. We had a downpour rain right after they cleaned the ones in front of my apartment and the water really ran down the sewers lickety split, rather than flooding the street. I couldn't stay with the "Sewer Pumpers" through the whole area but the report I get is that they have cleaned all of the sewers from 20th St. to the river and from E to M Sts. If you see any that appear to have been missed call the Sewer Services Division (629-3043) to report them. Ask for Patricia Staten, she is one terrific lady, a City employee who feels her responsibility to serve and does it very well. Thanks for all your help, Pat, in getting this project started. Pat and I have a standing joke—she is the "Sewer Lady" to my "Trash Lady".

We have in the works a request to clean all the gutters and streets in our area. This will take some doing because of all the parked cars (ours and others). The City expects to get this done before the hard winter sets in. They will attack the problem on a block by block basis, posting signs well in advance of the day they plan

their work. No parking wipl be allowed on that street on that day. Violators will be ticketed and/or towed away (remember by then it could cost \$50 to \$70). So if you live in the neighborhood please cooperate. As a community we need this service and the City needs a half way decent chance to accomplish the cleaning. Anyone who doesn't live in this area and doesn't have a visitor residential parking sticker, who violates the signs, will find out the Residential Parking Program is for real.

I am personally strongly opposed to right turns on red anywhere in the City and particularly in residential areas. I think that it is a safety hazard and that it really hasn't been proven that it saves sufficient energy to make it worthwhile to take a chance on maiming pedestrians or taking a life. Area Neighborhood Commissioners will be asked to comment on proposed intersections where Right Turn on Red will be permitted. I have advised ours of my opposition and have been supported by the FBA Executive Board. I will fight these turns to the death in our FB residential area; may concede some in the business district but only after I've had a chance to personally study the intersection. If you have any feelings on this let me know (by letter, please; I can't handle masses of phone calls).

I've said it before many times, to the Transportation Department and to anyone else who would listen in the City Government, that DC seems to be set up entirely for the benefit of Motorists. We seem to do everything possible to speed cars on their way and to heck with the pedestrian. We are going to meet our Maker soon enough; we don't need any help from Motorists. So I will keep on fighting for Stop Signs, proper cross walks, slow signs, etc.

Thank you, Gloria Wolf of the Columbia Plaza for your letter. We got some improvement made in the deplorable grounds at the Monument Parking lot at 24th and Va. Ave. as I'm sure you noticed. That is only the tip of the iceberg; we are trying to do more. We worked with Monument last summer without too much success; however, this time around I lucked into a Mr. Grossman who has given me his personal assurance that he will clear the sidewalks of the grass Monument lot grow there and will weed and cut the whole area. It would sure be nice if we could see those pretty trees again on the G Street side of the lot. Gloria, thanks for your interest; and having a letter helps me get things done faster.

Dead and dying trees are still being removed by the City. It will take a while but eventually it will get all done.

Foggy Bottom News

We've been keeping Steve Levy, our ANC Chairman, busy—have recently advised him that we are unhappy with the high intensity lights which are creeping into our residential areas. They bother the eyes of a great many people, keep the birds awake—as well as the trees, and generally never let a neighborhood rest. Fortunately our area is not a high crime area (occasionally something serious happens but it is not a regular thing). Our biggest crimes appear to be traffic violations. So a great many of us are against lighting us up like we have to protect ourselves from a thug on every corner—we don't; that's why a lot of us love this area. We do hope that Steve can make it known down at City Hall that we want to be consulted about installation of these lights in our area and that we plan to ask that some of them come down.

The City has been asked to remove the diseased and half dead azaleas from the several little parks in the area of 25th, NH and Va. Avenues. Azaleas will never live in these parks due to the excessive year around heat generated from the steam tunnel which runs under the parks. The City has been asked to plant grass and a few low ornamentals and colorful trees. The National Park Service inherited one of these parks on the south side of Va. Ave. recently, and we have asked them to do the same thing. Wish us luck; we have been trying to make something out of these parks for a long time and anything in there would be better than the weeds and trash which now accumulates. It would also help if the street people wouldn't leave their litter all around, but that's another matter to be looked at some other time.

We've asked Doug Schneider, Director of the DC Transportation Dept. to provide about five depressed curbs in the area of Va. and NH Aves. and 25th Street and H to permit easy and safe access for our residents who use wheel chairs, walkers, canes, and who generally have problems navigating the slanted high curbs in that area. If you know of any place else in our FB area which needs this attention, please write me. My address is at the bottom of this column.

Guest Quarters at 2500 Pa. Ave. had Open House in September. I saw many members of our Community there. Like me, I feel sure that they were all impressed with the layout, spaciousness, decor and facilities of Guest Quarters. I certainly wish that similar places had been available when I was traveling all over the US of A for Uncle; it certainly would have been nice to sit at a table to write a survey report rather than being propped up in the middle of the bed!! I am a natural home body and I used to get so lonely in those hotel rooms, even when I would

splurge and spend my own money on Uncle's business to get a better room. Being in a Guest Quarters seems like being in your own apartment.

We have proposed to the City a plan which would eliminate the unsightly short-cut walkway through the park on the south side of Va. Ave. at 25th. The plan is so simple they will probably turn me down but I'm trying.

The NPS Parks down by the State Dept., the Federal Reserve Bldg. and the Civil Service Comm. Bldg. are just gorgeous with fall flowers. Take a walk and enjoy them while they are in their full glory.

We are sorry to report that our friend and neighbor Dorothy Brewer passed away after her tragic fall down the steps of her home on this past Labor Day.

Mattie Shippen, of St. Mary's Episcopal Church and their Sr. Adult Club, had a tragic accident while in New York visiting relatives. Seems as if she went to take her suitcase off a shelf in the closet and it fell on her leg, causing a blood clot which necessitated quick amputation of part of her leg in order to save her life. Mattie was born in the Bottom and is a key member of our FBA News Distribution Team. Ceil and George and Frank are carrying on but are looking forward to Mattie coming back soon. So are we.

Remember the St. Mary's Bazaar and Luncheon on November 4. They are hoping to see a lot of us there.

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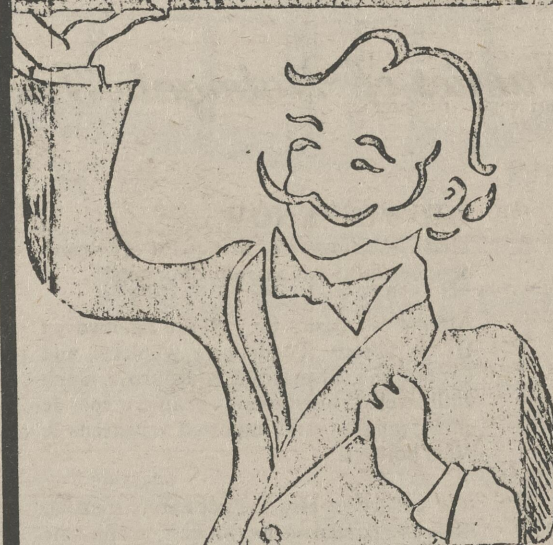
And while we are speaking of November be sure to Vote on Nov. 7; let's show the entire country that we are really serious about governing our City. Incidentally, remember in June when I told you that I was going to spend the summer campaigning for Marion Barry for Mayor? Well, I did just that. It was my first experience at campaigning; being a native Washingtonian and a "Hatched" government employee to boot, I had never had the opportunity. For those of you who have not tried it, it is a very rewarding experience—particularly when your candidate wins! But even if this does not happen the learning experience, the people you meet, the discovery of the many hours and hours of voluntary effort being put in by serious minded citizens, all go to make you feel real good.

In precinct 3 where I worked all the poll workers and poll watchers and registrars were terrific. I was very pleased to see so many young people getting involved in the business of their City and to see so many seasoned residents doing their bit. Regardless of who one was supporting, each and every one of us helped the other person out with their chores—we had a good community effort for all the candidates. I am looking forward to the same experience on November 7. See you.

I was looking out my window the other day and witnessed a lady's car break down on Virginia Ave. right at the start of the 4 PM traffic rush. Would you believe that dozens of auto drivers passed her up without even a "Sorry you are stuck lady." I could not believe that no one was stopping to give her a push or to drive her to a service station! Finally, one bike rider and then another came along and stopped and tried to

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help her. Apparently they couldn't fix the car so one of them pedaled off down the street and got some help from our nearby Watergate Sunoco Service Station. Maybe if Fall had already started some driver might have been more helpful—I don't know. Seems as if we just don't know how much we miss by not reaching out to help others.

George Amato and I were doing some FBA Mail Clerk/Messenger duty the other evening around 8 PM and were attracted to the unshaded windows at the Charles E. Smith Athletic Center of GWU. It was such a nice sight to see students and/or faculty swimming around in the pool and jogging around the track. I just drooled for wanting to join them—I can't swim and jogging kills me but I wanted to join in anyway. Someway, somehow, maybe the FBA can get GW to permit FBA members to join their athletic community. We are going to try.

Mark **October 26** on your calendar; it is the last date for the 1978 series of **National Towne Meetings**. A new series will resume in February or March of 1979. On October 26, Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland and Sen. Richard Lugar (R. Indiana) will discuss "Another Bumper Crop—What Do We Do Now?" Remember these meetings are free, a public service contribution by Mobil Oil.

All kinds of things will be going on at the **Renwick Gallery**; many exhibits continue from last month and some new ones appear—like Kari Lonnings lecture on **Functional Baskets** on Oct. 23, Lenore Tawney's lecture on **Fiber Art** on the 24th and Alan Sonfist's **Exhibition on Trees** as a Source for Art on the 27th.

I understand that it was a festive September evening at the home of **Bob and Esther Jones** on Eye Street. Bob and his Aunt Esther hosted a backyard picnic for his sister and brother-in-law **Edna and Buddy Coleman**. The occasion was Edna and Buddy's 52nd wedding anniversary. What made the event extra special was that the couple were married from that very same house in 1926.

Have you noticed the newly painted houses at **1019 and 1021 26th St.**—one blue and one yellow. They certainly do a lot for that block. Speaking of painting, **Pat Houseman** of 802 N.H. Ave. is the kind of new neighbor we like to see in FB—right off the bat she is painting and rehabilitating her new home. Go, Pat, go. and kudos to **Mrs. John T. Henderson** of 619 22nd St. for the fine job she has done on her house and front yard. This is a very important block in our community; it is heavily traveled by many visitors to the GW Athletic Center and by people traveling through our area. I do hope that the rest of the owners on that block (GW and private) will take the cue from Mrs. H. Several of those properties could really stand some basic attention to their front yards. Even those who are rehabilitating their houses should remember that they can't use their front yard as a messy construction sight and expect their neighbors to like it.

Mark your calendars some more. GWU will present many items of interest to residents of FB (many of them free or at very low cost) during November and December.

Foggy Bottom News

Nov. 1 and 2—8 PM Marvin Center—"Oh, How We Danced" set in the 1920s and 30s—story of the lives and marriage together of F. Scott and Selda Fitzgerald—directed by Leslie Jacobson. Lots of period music and dancing. A thesis production by students who really show professional talent. Students & Sr. Citizens \$1.00; general admission \$2. You can't beat those prices for an evening's entertainment!

Nov. 2—GW Orchestra - Lisner - Free

Nov. 3—GW Faculty Concert - Marvin Center - Free

Nov 13—GW Duo Sonato (Piano and Violin) - Marvin Center - Free
Nov. 15/18—Shakespeare's 12th Night - Lisner. The 15th prices will be \$2 to students and Sr. Citizens with general admission at \$4; 16th thru 18th the price goes up 50 cents and \$1 respectively.

Nov. 20—GW Chorus - Marvin Center - Free

Nov. 30—GW Chorus and Orchestra performing Handel's Messiah at Lisner - Free.

From **Nov. 16 thru Dec. 8** the **Annual Student Art Show** will be presented at Dimock Gallery from 10 to 5 on weekdays—Free.

Take advantage; these are some very nice things available to those lucky enough to live in the Bottom.

If you didn't make it to the **FBA Octoberfest** you missed a good time. We'll do it again next year so circle October.

Mary Healy, 2475 Va. Ave. #329, Wash., D.C. 20037

Guest Quarters, again this year, will give Foggy Bottom residents and their guests a very nice discount during the Holiday Season. It will be available for Thanksgiving. Call 333-8060 or 785-2000 and ask for the Holiday Reservations Desk for information.

Have you ever wondered what the **League of Women Voters** do? You would be amazed at how many things that effect your everyday life the League is involved in. You don't have to join but if you just want to be better informed about an organization which is working for the good of our Government call or write for information: **DC LWV 1346 Conn. Ave., D.C. 20036; Tel. 785-2616.**

Congratulations are due (overdue, really) to **Harvey Schneider** on his marriage this summer. Harvey, the great gardener who lived at 25th & Eye, took himself a pretty wife and a 5-year old son. Although they are now Virginia residents, he is seen from time to time on his way to classes he teaches at GWU.



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Condominium Conversions

A number of owners in the Foggy Bottom area have taken the first step toward converting their buildings to condominiums by applying for a certificate of eligibility to convert. The following buildings have been issued certificates of eligibility to convert:

Bonwit Plaza—2401 H St. N.W. — 112 units
 Carriage House—2201 L St. N.W. — 169 units
 Hamilton House—1255 New Hampshire Ave. N.W. — 304 units
 Jefferson House—922 24th St. N.W. — 181 units
 Monroe House—522 21st St. N.W. — 113 units
 Letterman House—2030 F St. N.W. — 118 units
 Bader—2515 K St. N.W. — 96 units

In all, 1093 units in the Foggy Bottom area have received certificates of eligibility to convert to condominiums. These certificates are valid for an indefinite period of time, so there is no way of predicting if and when they will be exercised.

Applications for certificates of eligibility to convert were filed for two other buildings in the area: the Swarthmore at 1010 25th St. N.W., (188 units), and the York at 532 20th St. N.W. (120 units). The certificates were denied last spring because the two buildings did not qualify as "high rent" buildings and so were not eligible under the Condominium Act to convert. The owners of these buildings (the Howar family) appealed this decision and were again turned down. However, the rent levels in both buildings are very close to the conversion level and it is only a matter of time before they, like every other apartment building in the area, are eligible for conversion.

The buildings in the area for which certificates have already been sought and/or issued include the properties of three of the major landlords in the area — the Oliver T. Carr Company (716 units); Meyer Siegel (281 units); and the Howar family (304 units). The Howar family has gone on record that they wish to dispose of all their rental housing and have taken steps to do so in other parts of the District and the suburbs. Last winter they converted their largest building in the District (4200 Cathedral Ave. N.W. — 184 units) to condominiums. This spring they converted the Alamac into an apartment hotel under a long term lease with Housing America, a Cafritz company. They have also sold several rental projects in the suburbs within the past year.

The tenants of a building which has received a certificate to convert are not notified until the owner actually files his declaration of intent to convert and notifies the tenants that they have 120 days before they will be evicted. During the first 60 days of this period, the tenants have the right to buy the unit in which they are living. The ANC is only notified about the certificates of eligibility after they have been issued. For this reason, it is important that tenants periodically check to see what the status of their building is. If you would like to check to see if your owner has applied for and/or received a certificate of eligibility to convert to condominiums, you may call: Marie Johnson, Neighborhood Improvement Administration, 724-8849.

The receipt of a certificate of eligibility to convert does not mean that the building will be converted. It does mean, though, that the owner is considering changing the building's rental status and has taken the first step towards doing so. Since there is no expiration date on the certifi-

cate, a number of owners throughout the city are obtaining them now before the requirements become more stringent. The owner's options are to: a. continue the building's use as rental housing; b. continue the building's use as rental housing, but only until market conditions (and the availability of mortgage money) improve; c. use the certificate to in-

crease the sales price to a buyer who wishes to convert to condominiums; d. convert the building to an apartment hotel (as was done with the Alamac at 924 25th St. last spring — 129 units); or e. demolish the building for new construction (as happened at the corner of 25th and Pennsylvania where the new Guest Quarters was built).

In order to protect their rights and have any say in what will become of their building, tenants must be or-

News from A to Z

ANC Board and Commission Review Committee—The ANC voted at the October business meeting to participate in a citywide committee to monitor the operations of the Zoning Commission, the Board of Zoning Adjustment, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and similar governmental bodies; to share information with other Advisory Neighborhood Commissions; and to make recommendations on appointments to these bodies and on issues of citywide concern that come before them.

Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) hearings on October 18th and 25th are of great interest to ANC residents. The BZA will consider the request of BNA Washington, Inc. (Case No. 12727 and 12728) to receive a Certificate of Occupancy for a parking lot at the 1200 block of 25th Street, N.W.

The ANC opposes the applicant's request on the grounds that the lot is illegal and on the principle that commercial parking lots should not be allowed to expand in the area.

On October 25th, George Washington University (Case No. 12779) will request a special exception from the Zoning Regulations to permit construction of the first stage of an academic office cluster building and accessory parking at 801 22nd Street (Square 77). The University will present plans for the building in the GWU Library, Room 202 (22nd & H Streets), at 7:00 p.m. on October 17. The community is invited to attend.

Both hearings will be held in the District Building, 1350 E Street, N.W., Room 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Demolition Award for October is presented to George Washington University for demolition of the house at 2143 G Street. The ANC voted to send a letter to GWU expressing our dissatisfaction for another instance of bulldozer mentality prevailing in our community.

Foreign Missions which means chanceries and international agencies are still very much a threat to the community. Regulations by the Zoning Commission governing their location were not accepted as "consistent" with the Comprehensive Plan of the National Capital Planning Commission. Also pending is a bill before D.C. City Council that would eliminate foreign missions as a matter of right or as special exceptions in all residential areas.

Historic Preservation Legislation is also being considered by the D.C. City Council's Housing and Urban Development Committee. This legislation would provide considerably stronger protection to historic landmarks and to historic districts in Washington. The bill is to be considered by the full City Council within the next month. Passage of the bill would spare many of the threatened historic landmarks in this area.

Parking Lot Proliferation is still with us since the Board of Zoning Adjustment denied the ANC's motion for reconsideration and rehearing for the newest GWU parking lot on Square 40 (Washington Circle) where we lost several townhouses to the always active GWU wrecking ball.

Red Lion Row is still standing... but we cannot be sure how long it will remain. Negotiations for 2022 Eye Street are being held at the present time by the State Historic Preservation Officer. The Foley Company, owners of five properties on the block, have offered the buildings for sale at approximately \$2.8 million. If there are any potential buyers, call the ANC office...

Residential Parking Stickers are available to new residents and to those residents who have not received their renewal forms at the ANC office (659-0011) or from Commissioner Levy (333-SMD5).

The ANC also voted to support a bill by Councilmember William Spaulding that would extend the residential parking permit hours to 9:00 p.m. in the evenings.

Saint Paul's Church—Please accept our sincere thanks for use of the office in the last two years. We will always remember your generosity when we were starting out.

Schneider Triangle (bounded by Washington Circle, 22nd Street, D Street and New Hampshire Avenue, N.W.) has been nominated for landmark designation. The Joint Committee on Landmarks of the National Capital will hold hearings on the application on October 20, 1978, at 1325 G Street, N.W., 10th floor, at 10:00 a.m. Individuals and organizations are welcome to come to testify in support of landmark designation.

Streetscape Committee Vacancy. The ANC's representative to the Municipal Planning Office's Streetscape Advisory Committee has resigned. If you are interested and are able to attend occasional meetings during the day, please contact the ANC office at 659-0011.

Vacancy in Single Member District 03: If you are registered to vote here, live in the district and are interested in filling the seat—where we will miss Marthlu Bledsoe very much—please call the ANC office at 659-0011. We will fill you in on how to apply.

Zoning: The zoning Commission will hold hearings on October 19, 20, and 21 to consider the proposal of the Dupont Coalition to downzone parts of the Dupont Circle area. The ANC plans to testify in favor of the proposals.

ganized. If your building has received a certificate of eligibility to convert (or is likely to), you must be organized so that: 1. If the tenants oppose the conversion, they can fight it; 2. If the tenants support the conversion, they can have a say in how the conversion will take place and possibly negotiate a better deal for tenants who buy in the building; 3. If the tenants are interested (or if the building is threatened with a sale for demolition or conversion to a non-residential use), they can try to buy the building and convert it themselves into either a cooperative or condominium.

The tenants of the Swarthmore are following the third option and are now negotiating with the owner for an option contract on the building which will: set the terms of the sale, determine how the building will be run during the option period; and give them a set time period during which the option will last in order to arrange financing. In exchange for this contract, the Swarthmore Tenants Association is negotiating a voluntary rent increase to pay for the option which must be ratified in writing by 70% of the tenants before it can go into effect. A number of other buildings in the city are at various stages of the same process.

However, in order to protect your rights under the Rental Housing Act and give yourself the alternative of buying the building, if that serve your right to try if the association is interested at the time that the should: 1. *Organize a tenants association* in your building. The ANC have not followed these steps, this option will be foreclosed.

October 1978 and the other tenants associations in the area will be happy to show you how to go about it. There are now active tenants associations at the Swarthmore, Bader, Jefferson House, Bonwit Plaza, Circle Arms, Contact the ANC at 659-0011 if you would like to contact one of these groups. 2. *Incorporate your tenants association* with the right to hold property. Under section 602 of the Rental Housing Act of 1977, tenants in all sorts of buildings have a legal right to require the owner of the building to offer it to them before he can sell to anyone else. A prerequisite to the exercise of this right, if you are in a building with more than four units, is that the tenants have (a) organized a tenants association, (b) have the legal capacity to hold real property, and (c) have notified the owner in writing that they are interested in buying the building, if and when it is up for sale. 3. Have your association *send a letter to the owner* stating that the association is interested in buying the building, if and when it is put up for sale.

IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW THESE THREE STEPS BEFORE THE OWNER SIGNS A CONTRACT TO SELL THE BUILDING TO SOMEONE ELSE, YOU MAY SURRENDER MANY OF YOUR RIGHTS. These actions do not commit your association to buying the building, but they do pre-trying to buy your building, if that serve your right to try if the association is interested at the time that the building is offered for sale. If you have not followed these steps, this option will be foreclosed.

Special Survey

I expect that an Alcoholic Beverage (ABC) license will be applied for by the operator of the new restaurant at 22nd and G Streets. To help me recommend a position to the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) when the application is made, I would appreciate your answering the following survey questions and returning them to me.

—Steve Levy, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner, Single Member District 05

Background

In 1977, the retiring owners of the Dave Margolis Mens Wear store at 22nd and G Streets applied to the Board of Zoning Adjustments (BZA) for a zoning variance to permit conversion of the store to a restaurant. The variance was granted, with specific conditions, over the objections of the George Washington University administration. The conditions included:

- closing time set for 10 PM
- no live entertainment
- strict controls on trash and litter
- any ABC license would be limited to beer and wine only

The restaurant is presently expected to be:

- low to moderate priced
- serve pizza, health sandwiches, yogurt, hamburgers, chicken, salads, etc.
- run by Dominique (of Dominique's)

The Survey

Please circle the single answer (for each question: 1a, 1b, etc.) which most closely represents your opinions.

1. Under the conditions established by the BZA (above):
 - a. how do you feel about the restaurant receiving a license to serve beer and wine (only on the premises)?
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 - b. Would you approve of a license to serve liquor or mixed drinks?
 STRONGLY FAVOR FAVOR NEUTRAL
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2. Do you expect to patronize this restaurant
 - a. if it doesn't serve alcoholic beverages?
 OFTEN SOMETIMES NEVER
 - b. if it serves beer and wine but not liquor or mixed drinks?
 OFTEN SOMETIMES NEVER
 - c. if it serves beer, wine and liquor?
 OFTEN SOMETIMES NEVER
3. How close do you live to the restaurant (please give the nearest street intersection)?

4. Would you like to be notified when the ABC hearing is held?
 YES NO
5. Do you have any special comments?

your name _____
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 signature _____ phone number _____
 (if you wish your phone no. to remain confidential, please check this box ☐)
 please, return this survey to the most convenient of the following addresses: 615 22nd st 908 25th st 2150 F st

Foggy Bottom Association Committee Assignments

Member- ship	Program	Social and PR	Planning ANC Liason	District Affairs	Finance	Editorial Board
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Bledsoe	M			M		
Charles	C					
Cottrell			C			
Durham	M	M				M
Feldman			M			M
Healy	M		M	C	M	M
Holscher		M				M
Landgraf	C	M				C
Levy			M			
Loikow			M			
Lomas	M					M
Mack		M				
Nowich		M		M		
Ogden	M				C	M
Palco		C				

Committee responsibilities are generally defined as follows:

- Membership** - Solicit members and prepare membership lists showing dues payment dates and other information as required.
- Program** - Arrange for speakers or special programs for all Association Meetings.
- Social and Public Relations** - Arrange activities such as the October Fest, Spring Fling, art shows and other gatherings intended to enhance the image of the FBA in the community.
- Planning** - Prepare a realistic master plan to be used by the FBA to achieve the objectives set forth in Article I, Section 2 of the BYLAWS.
- District Affairs** - Make necessary contacts with the appropriate Government agencies to insure the smooth functioning of city services in the Foggy Bottom area.
- Finance** - Assist the Treasurer in the performance of miscellaneous duties including the preparation of special reports, analyses of receipts and expenditures.
- Editorial Board** - Set policy for the Foggy Bottom News and assist the editor in any way possible. Also monitor distribution of the paper.

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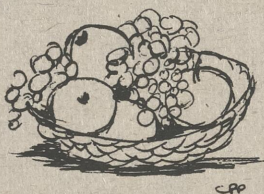
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Dorothy Brewer Dies After Serious Fall

by Ellie Becker

On September 22, Foggy Bottom lost one of its most steadfast and caring citizens. Dorothy Brewer, who had lived on 25th Street for many years, died in George Washington University Hospital of complications following serious injuries sustained in a fall in her home.

Dorothy had retired some years ago from military service with the rank of Lt. Commander. She was active in the FBA in its early years, and continued her involvement in the neighborhood until the time of her death. She was especially interested in neighborhood cleanup and beautification, as well as helping distribute the News, while walking Chaco, her small poodle. Her friends

will be glad to know that Chaco was well cared for during her hospitalization, and is now with Dorothy's sister.

Our community has lost a good citizen; our sympathy goes to her family.

The circumstances of Dorothy's injuries, we think, should be mentioned as a reminder to us all of the need to be observant neighbors. She lay in her house severely injured for quite a long time before Chaco's barking attracted the attention needed to rescue her. There are many in our community who live alone. We are not advocating bothersome nosiness, but for willingness to observe and wonder and ask to make sure a neighbor does not suffer as she did. A little caring goes a long way.

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fact that there was a noticeable proliferation of restaurants and bars in the area.

During the September meeting of the ANC an impassioned plea for ANC cooperation was made by Marshall and his attorney. ANC Commissioners Levy and Molinelli expressed no opposition to the license transfer, but Commissioner Loikow voiced objections about the proliferation of restaurants and bars as well as the late hours that the restaurant planned to maintain (until 3:00 a.m. on Fri. and Sat. and until 2:00 a.m. on Sunday through Thursday) and the disturbance to nearby residents that could take place as a result. Commissioner Davitt indicated some concerns as well but informed Marshall that he wished to reach a compromise with him on the license issue.

The ANC's position on the matter was discussed extensively at the meeting by the Commissioners and an eventual Commission vote of 3 to 1 reversed the ANC's August opposition vote.

On September 6th the transfer of the license was granted by the ABC Board. This means that the *Marshall's West End* is the third restaurant in the 2500 block of Pennsylvania Ave., N.W. that has been granted such a license within the past few months.

More Slime

'Foggy Bottom Slime'—indoors this time — from the *Wall Street Journal*, Oct. 3, 1978....

THE CHECKOFF: The office building that houses the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington is invaded by a mysterious greenish mold that has appeared on doors, walls, typewriters and phones in some offices.

Where will it hit next?

Coop Housing Has Enough Regulation

by Melvin Ogden

Councilmember Nadine P. Winter, Chairperson of the Committee on Housing and Urban Development, introduced a bill in the D.C. Council that would closely regulate the operation of cooperative apartments. The name of the bill is the *Cooperative Regulation Act of 1978*. The bill number is 2-248 and consist of 95 pages.

There is no "typical" cooperative building. They may have as few as four units up to over five hundred units. A cooperative is our home and this serves as a major incentive to make it work in an effective manner. The range is from very modest to luxury buildings.

A public hearing was held in the Council Chambers on July 14, 1978. The public had only a few days notice of the hearing and the attendance by the public was not large. Only four members of the Council were present at the beginning of the hearing and some of them departed as the hearing progressed.

Representatives of the Cooperative Housing Association, the Foundation for Cooperative Housing, Real Estate Managing Agents and other citizens were there to testify against the enactment of the bill. The writer testified against it except to state that there is a need to change the law in the District in order that financial institutions will be able to make loans to finance the resale of cooperative apartments. (Recently Senator William Proxmire introduced a bill in the Senate which would allow federal savings and loan associations to lend up to \$60,000 to the purchaser of a membership share in a cooperative.)

The bill is very comprehensive in scope, with some parts unclear. The cooperative housing sector was not consulted and sections of the bill would adversely affect existing cooperatives. It seems that the drafters of the bill do not understand the procedures of cooperatives.

It is evident to the writer, who has owned and lived in a cooperative apartment for more than thirteen years, is presently serving as President of one and is familiar with the operation of other cooperatives, that there is not any need for a bill to regulate them. With all the problems that the District has, it would appear unnecessary to devote manpower and spend tax dollars to administer a law that is not needed. This is not to say that there has not been disagreements over building policies, assessments and improvements among cooperative owners. However, those disagreements have been settled internally through compromise and very rarely in the courts. They have been functioning in this manner in the District since 1920, when the Northumberland was incorporated as a cooperative.

The bill will require that meeting notification be by certified mail. It is unnecessary as the present procedure is to deliver a notice, or in small buildings to post a notice on the bulletin board. It appears that a cooperative may foreclose on a member in default only through court proceedings. Directors' meeting will be open to any member of the cooperative. Various other Bylaws and house rules will be superseded by this law.

Title II purports to solve the problem of registering foreign cooperative corporations in the District, but it appears that the solution is inadequate. Title IV provides for a system of public recordation of

cooperative ownership interest, similar to the recordation system now in effect for real property. In addition to issuing a stock certificate (or other instrument) to a cooperative buyer, the cooperative corporation will be required to issue a special certificate of ownership that must be filed with the D.C. Recorder of Deeds. The recorded special certificate will have priority over the stock certificate issued by the cooperative in determining title to an apartment.

A recordation fee of 1/8% of the selling price would have to be paid at the time of recordation. There is no need to require the recording of ownership interest. The existing system of ownership transfer has proved to be satisfactory. The bill will put responsibility for accuracy of title with the District rather than the individual cooperatives. In this connection it should be noted that the Recorder of Deeds' office is already under criticism for delays in indexing of documents up to nine months from the time of recordation.

It will be necessary to conduct a title search every time an apartment is sold and will lead to the need for title insurance, elaborate instruments, transfer tax, and will generate substantial closing cost. The bill is now under further study by the Housing Committee.

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